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Dear,

I refer to your request for information dated 9 February 2007 relating to your performance at the May 2005 elections and the age and religion of election staff who worked in the North Antrim area at the Northern Ireland Assembly election on 7 March 2007.

We do not hold any information relating to your performance in the May 2005 elections. A breakdown of the age and religion of election staff who worked at the recent Assembly election is enclosed.

In your letter you state that "as a Government body you are compelled to adhere to the procedure of discriminatory laws". Whilst it is of course fully accepted that the Electoral Office must comply with all laws intended to guard against discrimination we are not a Government body. Rather the office exists to support the Chief Electoral Officer who is an independent statutory office holder entirely independent of Government.

I hope this is helpful. If you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer

### **Breakdown of Staff working in North Antrim Area during '07 Assembly Election**

#### **Community Background**

Protestant	203
Roman Catholic	32
Neither	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>251</b>

#### **Age Band**

20-24	11
25-29	17
30-34	16
35-39	23
40-44	31
45-49	30
50-54	32
55-59	40
60-64	26
65-69	21
70-74	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>251</b>